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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
(Regular application claiming foreign priority)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the names of inventors:  
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For: **IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from Japanese Application No. 2001-074553,  
Filed on March 15, 2001.

Application Elements:

- ☒ 32 Pages of Specification, Claims, and Abstract (in Japanese)  
☒ 12 Sheets of Drawings (informal)  
☐ Pages of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet  
☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee  
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
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Claim For Foreign Priority

☒ Priority based on Japanese Application No. 2001-074553, which was filed on March 15, 2001, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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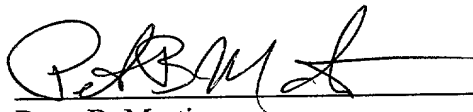
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